



## East Asia

**Hong Kong**  
Airlines

### Cathay to introduce further smoke-free routes

Cathay Pacific will reportedly ban smoking on all flights between Hong Kong and European destinations from March 1994. The company's general manager, Arthur Bullard,

said the move responded to research indicating that "75 percent of passengers on these routes are nonsmokers, and a third of smokers prefer a nonsmoking flight". □

*International Herald Tribune*  
(27-28 November 1993) p. 2

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### China: breast feeding claimed to reduce incidence of respiratory disease in young children

In a study carried out in 1985 into the effects of exposure to nonmaternal, household cigarette smoke on the incidence of respiratory illness among children from birth to age 18 months in China, researchers Cui Jin *et al.* also evaluated the effects of other environmental factors on the incidence of respiratory illness, such as cooking fuel and whether the children were breast fed.

The relative "risks" of exposure to cigarette smoke were assessed for children living in households with family members who smoked, and compared with those for children living in nonsmoking households. In their discussion, the researchers

maintain that exposure to ETS is not an easily quantifiable variable; therefore the estimate of the children's exposure, based on total household cigarette consumption, was greater than actual exposure.

The study reports that children who were not breast fed were almost twice as likely to be at risk of respiratory disease at each level of exposure to household smoke examined, in comparison with those who were not. Being fed breast milk for at least one month was identified as a preventive factor independently of the effects of cigarette smoke use or number of household members who smoked. □

**China**  
Exposure

Jin, Cui and Annette MacKay Rossignol. Effects of passive smoking on respiratory illness from birth to age eighteen months, in Shanghai, People's Republic of China. *The Journal of Pediatrics* (October 1993) pp. 553-558

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## Africa

### Zimbabwe

Anti-Tobacco Campaigns

Conference programme and list of participants. *UICC* (November 1993)

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Tobacco producers urged to diversify. *The Herald* (17 November 1993)

Reference: 020337

Time to shift from tobacco. *Daily Gazette* (17 November 1993)

Reference: 020586

## All-Africa Conference on Tobacco Control in Zimbabwe

The All-Africa Conference on Tobacco Control took place on 14-17 November in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Its main goal was "to discuss public health actions at the sub-regional and national levels to prevent and control the use of tobacco as well as to protect the health of non-smokers".

The conference had the written support of the World Health Organization's Tobacco or Health Office in Geneva and its African Regional Office in Brazzaville. Financial and technical support was provided by the International Development Research Council (IDRC) [Canada], the Centers for Disease Control [Atlanta, USA], the International Union Against Cancer (UICC), the World Bank and the Rockefeller Foundation.

The organizing committee consisted of the Medical Research Council of South Africa, the Cancer Association of South Africa, the Council Against Smoking of South Africa, Blair Industries [Zimbabwe] and the Tobacco Action Group.

Participants included representatives from sub-Saharan countries, WHO representatives for tobacco control, senior health ministry officials, academics and tobacco control advocates.

The following presentations were made:

- *Challenges to introducing tobacco control legislation at national level* - Prof. Sherif Omar, Member of the Egyptian Parliament and Chairperson, Tobacco and Cancer Programme, International Union Against Cancer;
- *Global economic impact of tobacco* - Mr. Howard Barnum, Senior economist, Population, Health and Nutrition, World Bank;
- *Targeting the Afro-American community in the USA: Lessons for Africa* - Dr. Robert Robinson, Assistant director for programme development, Office on Smoking and Health, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia;
- *Tobacco trade to and from Africa* - Dr. Simon Chapman, Senior lecturer in community medicine, University of Sydney, Australia;
- *Women and tobacco: Trends and prospects in developing countries* - Ms. Amy Kabwe, Chairperson, Zambia Anti-Smoking Society [copy available];
- *Women and tobacco: An African perspective* - Dr. Nancy Tesha, Chairperson, African Regional Network of Women Against Tobacco, Department of Community Development and Women and Children's Affairs, Tanzania;
- *Epidemiological methods of estimating tobacco-related mortality* - Dr. A. Lopez, Tobacco or Health Programme, WHO, Switzerland;
- *Tobacco-related cancer in Africa* - Dr. Annie Sasco, International Agency for Research on Cancer, France;
- *Francophone presentation* - Philippe Boucher, Comité National Contre le Tabagisme;
- *National dependence on tobacco: a case study* - Drs. Theresa and Ronald Watts, Zimbabwe Cancer Centre;
- *Marketing and sport sponsorship for tobacco in Kenya: A case study* - Dr. Paul Wangai, Medical Clinic, Kenya;
- *The use of tax to control tobacco* - Mr. David Sweanor, Non-Smokers' Rights Association, Canada;
- *International Tobacco Growers' Association in Africa* - Mr. Henry Ntaba, International Tobacco Growers' Association;
- *The tobacco crop in Zimbabwe* - Mr. Peter Richards, Zimbabwe Tobacco Association;
- *The community concerns of the tobacco producers* - Mr. Clements Mahachi;
- *Economic advantages of tobacco to Zimbabwe* - Mrs. Lal Burton-Taylor, Zimbabwe Tobacco Association;

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- *Wider implications for tobacco farmers* - Mrs. Lisa Eddington, International Tobacco Growers' Association, Zimbabwe;
- *Legislation to combat the tobacco epidemic and the African countries* - Dr. Ruth Roemer, Adjunct professor of health law, School of Public Health, University of California [Los Angeles], USA [copy available];
- *Legislation: Practical issues: A South African case study* - Dr. Yussuf Saloojee, Council on Smoking and Health, South Africa;
- *Public health practice of tobacco control: An integrated approach* - Dr. Thomas E. Novotny, Assistant dean for public health practice, School of Public Health, University of California [Berkeley].

#### **Press reports**

Local press reports focused on the call by Zimbabwe's health minister,

Dr. Timothy Stamps, for tobacco growers to diversify into other products.

The *Daily Gazette* noted that although smoking is claimed to have detrimental effects on health, "(a)t the same time, tobacco is one of Zimbabwe's key exports bringing into the country billions of dollars annually in much-needed foreign currency. The International Tobacco Growers' Association claimed recently that Zimbabwe stood to lose \$216 million in foreign exchange earnings if the world tobacco demand and consumption were cut by a mere 10 percent in line with calls by the World Health Organization."

The editorial suggests that Zimbabwe's economic planners should "view the meeting as an indicator of changing world trends pointing to a new focus for the economic priorities of the future." It ends with a call for diversification by tobacco companies. □

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